

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of making a delegation of a task comprising the steps of:
  - 5 sending a signal from a first resource client to a server indicating that the task is being delegated to a second resource client;
  - sending a record of the task delegation from the server to a storage medium; and
  - sending the task delegation information from the server to the second resource client and to a project manager client.
- 10 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the second resource client accepts the task delegation.
3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - 15 sending a task delegation rejection signal from the second resource client to the server;
  - sending a record of the task delegation rejection from the server to the storage medium;
  - and
  - sending the task delegation rejection information from the server to the first resource client and to the project manager client.
- 20 4. The method of Claim 1 wherein the project manager approves the delegation.
5. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - 25 sending a delegation rejection signal from the project manager client to the server;
  - sending a record of the delegation rejection from the server to the storage medium; and
  - sending the delegation rejection information from the server to the first resource client and the second resource client.
6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
  - 30 sending an update request from the project manager client to the server;
  - retrieving the task ownership information from the storage medium; and
  - sending the task ownership information from the server to the project manager client.

7. The method of Claim 1 wherein approval of the task delegation by the project manager client is automatic.

5           8. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

9. A method of making a delegation of a task and a subtask comprising the steps of:  
sending a signal from a first resource client to a server indicating that the task is being  
delegated to a second resource client;  
5 sending a record of the task delegation from the server to a storage medium;  
sending the task delegation information from the server to the second resource client and  
to a project manager client;  
sending a signal from the second resource client to the server indicating that the subtask  
is being delegated to a subordinate third resource client;  
10 sending a record of the subtask delegation from the server to the storage medium; and  
sending the subtask delegation information from the server to the third resource client  
and to the project manager client.

10. The method of Claim 9 wherein the subordinate third resource client accepts the  
15 subtask delegation.

11. The method of Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:  
sending a subtask delegation rejection signal from the subordinate third resource client to  
the server;  
20 sending a record of the subtask delegation rejection from the server to the storage  
medium; and  
sending the subtask delegation rejection information from the server to the first resource  
client, the second resource client, and the project manager client.

12. The method of Claim 9 wherein the project manager client approves the subtask  
25 delegation.

13. The method of Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:  
sending a subtask delegation rejection signal from the project manager client to the  
30 server;  
sending a record of the subtask delegation rejection from the server to the storage  
medium; and

sending the subtask delegation rejection information from the server to the first resource client, the second resource client, and the subordinate third resource client.

14. The method of Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

5 designating the second resource client as a team lead;  
sending a subtask status update request from the second resource client to the server;  
sending the subtask status update request from the server to the subordinate third resource client;  
10 sending a subtask status update from the subordinate third resource client to the server;  
sending the subtask status update from the server to the second resource client;  
the second resource client approving the subtask status update; and  
forwarding the subtask status update from the second resource client to the project manager client.

15 15. The method of Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

designating the second resource client as a team lead;  
sending a subtask status update request from the second resource client to the server;  
sending the subtask status update request from the server to the subordinate third resource client;  
20 sending a subtask status update from the subordinate third resource client to the server;  
sending the subtask status update from the server to the second resource client; and  
the second resource client rejecting the subtask status update.

25 16. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 9.

17. A distributed computer network for delegating tasks within a project comprising:  
a server;

a first project management program module utilized by the server and operable for

5 managing the delegation of tasks among resources;

a memory storage device coupled to the server and operable for storing information about  
tasks and to which resource they are delegated;

a collection of clients coupled to the server and capable of delegating tasks and  
communicating information about such tasks; and

10 a second project management program module utilized by one of the clients capable of  
managing a project and controlling the delegation of tasks.

18. The network of Claim 17, wherein the server is further operable for:

receiving delegation signals from the clients;

15 sending delegation information to the clients;

sending delegation information to the memory storage device; and

retrieving delegation information from the memory storage device.